
DIGEST

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Billings

Abstract: Provides for the required number of signatures for a nominating petition for a presidential nominee and provides for the required information to be included with a voter's signature on a nominating petition.

Present law (R.S. 18:1280.22(A)) provides the manner in which a candidate for presidential nominee shall qualify. Provides that a candidate, prior to qualifying, shall either pay a qualifying fee of \$1,000 or shall have obtained a nominating petition, bearing the handwritten signatures of no less than 1,000 registered voters affiliated with the party from each congressional district. Provides for the method of paying the qualifying fee.

Proposed law changes the signature requirement for the nominating petition from 1,000 from each congressional district to 2,500 with at least 250 from each of the congressional districts.

Present law (R.S. 18:1280.22(B)) provides for when the qualifying period is to open and close. Requires a presidential candidate to file a notice of candidacy with the secretary of state and further provides that the notice of candidacy shall be in writing and contain certain information. Provides for what is to be included within the nominating petition.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that each voter who signs a nominating petition shall include his name and residence address.

Proposed law instead provides that in addition to his signature, each voter who signs a nominating petition shall provide the information required by present law (R.S. 18:3). Further provides that once a voter has signed a nominating petition he may not withdraw the nomination.

(Amends R.S. 18:1280.22(A) and (B)(3)(b))